

April 2023 SVDFCA Club Meeting, Legislative Liaison Report

General AKC Links:

- AKC Legislative Action Center: <https://cqrcengage.com/akc/lac>
- Legislative Tracking: <https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/government-relations/legislative-tracking/>

California Bills:

Introduced:

Bill #/Name/Author	AB 240, Dogs and cats: California Spay-Neuter Fund, Ash Kalra, D, San Jose
Activity	Introduced Referred to Committees on Agriculture, and Revenue and Taxation Amended, re-referred to Agriculture Hearing postponed
Descriptive Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to bill information: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB240 • The bill would establish the California Spay-Neuter Fund in the State Treasury. • Amended to impose a \$200/label fee on manufacturers of pet food, rather than a per-unit fee. • Will require 2/3 majority to pass • Sunsets 1/1/2044
AKC Action Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKC Bill Page: N/A •
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Bill #/Name/Author	AB 554, Corporations for the prevention of cruelty to animals: enforcement of laws, Jesse Gabriel, D, LA and Ventura Counties
Activity	Passed Assembly Judiciary Committee; referred to Assembly Banking and Finance Committee
Descriptive Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to bill information: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB554 • This bill would clarify animal cruelty enforcement and could make it easier for an owner’s animals to be seized without traditional due process protections. AKC has numerous concerns with the bill and underlying law.. • The AKC had concerns about new, proposed language expanding current law that could have allowed for legal action to be taken before animal cruelty had ever taken place. After working with the author’s office and the Assembly Judiciary Committee, the author agreed to remove this language, and the AKC will continue to monitor Assembly Bill 554.

AKC Action Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are encouraged to reach out to Asm. Gabriel's office at (916) 319-2046 or assemblymember.gabriel@assembly.ca.gov and thank him for considering AKC's concerns.
Club Action?	Watch

Bill #/Name/Author	AB 742, Law enforcement: police canines, Corey Jackson, D, Riverside
Activity	Passed out of Committee on Public Safety, sent to Appropriations
Descriptive Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to bill information: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB742 It is the intent of the Legislature to prevent the use of police canines for the purpose of arrest, apprehension, or any form of crowd control.
AKC Action Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AKC Bill Page: https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-assembly-committee-advances-bill-limiting-use-police-canines/ The author of the proposal, Assemblymember Corey Jackson (Dist. 60), is working with stakeholders on possible amendments to the bill to ensure the safety of all Californians. No action is needed at this time.
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Bill #/Name/Author	AB 781, Accessibility to emergency information and services: emergency shelters: persons with pets, Brian Maienschein, D, San Diego
Activity	Passed out of Emergency Management, in Appropriations
Descriptive Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to bill information: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB781 This bill would require a county, on or before July 1, 2024, to update its emergency plan to designate emergency shelters able to accommodate persons with pets. The AKC supports this bill.
AKC Action Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AKC Bill Page: (general CA) https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-update-bills-impacting-dog-owners-4/ You are encouraged to express your support at (916) 319-2076 or assemblymember.maienschein@assembly.ca.gov
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Bill #/Name/Author	AB 1215 – Pets Assistance with Support Grant Program: homeless shelters: domestic violence shelters: pets, Wendy Carillo, D, Los Angeles
Activity	Passed out of Housing and Community Development, sent to Appropriations
Descriptive Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative bill page: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1215 Currently, many shelters for domestic violence victims and homeless people are not able to accommodate people with pets, causing many to avoid the shelter system. This bill would use state grants to allow for domestic

	violence and homeless shelters to be able accommodate pets with the goal of removing more people from harmful situations. The AKC supports this proposal.
AKC Action Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKC Bill Page: (general CA) https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/california-update-bills-impacting-dog-owners-4/ • You are encouraged to express your support at (916) 319-2076 or assemblymember.maienschein@assembly.ca.gov.
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Federal Activity:

- CDC extended the suspension of dog imports from countries classified as high-risk for rabies. Current ban will expire 7/1/2023.
- APHIS proposes environmental enrichment requirements for dogs regulated under AWA. AKC discussion: <https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/federal-regulations-aphis-proposes-environmental-enrichment-requirements-dogs-regulated-awa/>

Bill #/Name/Author	<p>Puppy Protection Act of 2023/ HR 1624/ Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1] California Co-Sponsors as of 4/5/2023 (* is original co-sponsor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-19]* • Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21] • Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34] • Rep. Mullin, Kevin [D-CA-15] • Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35] <p>AS of 4/5/2023, 38 Co-Sponsors total</p>
Activity	Introduced 03/17/2023, assigned to House Committee on Agriculture
Descriptive Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to Bill information: https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1624?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22puppy%22%5D%7D&s=2&r=1&overview=open#content • The Puppy Protection Act has been introduced in each of the last two Congresses. Last year, animal rights groups obtained more than 200 sponsors on the bill, vastly over-representing support for the bill and increasing likelihood of passage this year. Your voice is especially important because your Congressman sponsored the bill last year, and has likely been asked by animal rights groups to support it again this year. • While some portions of the measures include reasonable generalized guidelines for canine care, arbitrary requirements that ignore best practices for individual outcomes are not appropriate for federal mandates. One-size-fits-all requirements do not take into account the broad range of breeds and types of dogs, or best health and breeding practices. They also do not allow for creative approaches that permit expert breeders and owners to provide optimal care for their individual dogs and advance the art and science of responsible dog breeding. Arbitrary restrictions can be expensive and undermine small hobby breeding programs because of an overly-broad definition of “breeding female” that impacts who is subject to federal

	<p>requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to: Anyone subject to USDA breeder/dealer licensing. Breeders are subject to USDA licensing if they maintain more than 4 “breeding females” (a term that is undefined but is generally considered to mean an intact female) and transfer even one of the offspring “sight unseen”. “Breeding females” include any combination of cats, dogs, or other small pet mammals such as hamsters, guinea pigs, etc.
<p>AKC Action Requested</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AKC Page: https://www.akc.org/legislative-alerts/member-congress-sponsored-arbitrary-breeding-restrictions-last-year-respectfully-ask-stop/ • Request your member of congress to not sponsor OR support the act.
<p>Club Action?</p>	<p>Send letter based on AKC request?</p>